

"lightened judgment.

We can all be clairvoyants if we only learn to see. But how many of us live and die without having seen a thing!

If I were in your country, if my feet but touched your soil, without entering into any trance after the fashion of the prophetesses of antiquity, I should be inspired; by an altogether inexplicable reflex I should feel whether good or bad were lying in wait for you! However, since the ocean lies between us, I am obliged to state my deductions and calculations, basing them upon the American hands I have read and the astral influences dominating your heavens during 1914.

Your country is the modern Tower of Babel, Messieurs les Américains. All the languages are spoken there; opinions and ambitions clash. It is like those chemical fluids which unite and produce fire. With you the fluids are already in the same vessel; you cannot prevent them mixing; result: A jet of flame shooting into the air, an explosion as of dynamite turning your New World upside down.

America has reached the crest of her rise; she has come to the summit of her ascent. She must **HOLD HERSELF THERE NOW**—else fall!

From a financial point of view, the storm is gathering, the thunder growls; catastrophes!

There are too many rich. Money is too much in the hand of one man. It must be divided. We, in France, had an aristocracy of blood; you, in America, have an aristocracy of gold.

But all the time the people are there. You seem to be courting revolution. More than 100 years ago we had our French revolution—the poor against the nobles; you may yet have yours, the poor against the rich.

What a lot of troubled consciences there ought to be among those who are struggling to keep for themselves the fruits of labor and saving!

The next year is to see a serious

tension all over the civilized world; the United States included—there are to be disasters and upheavals.

My predictions for America are not very reassuring. My calculations continue to give me frightful catastrophes from the elements—floods, earthquakes, horrible railway accidents.

There are to be financial crises of a severe nature. Business men must be cautious. Political crises will come and these will be hard to set to rights. Grave conflicts between high officials; many changes of men.

War with Japan is in the air. Oh! This is not for the immediate present, but, *mesieurs*, you must bear it in mind.

Also you will have certain republics to bring to terms. You will be triumphant all along the line, but there will be menaces of war before this is accomplished and perhaps partial execution.

I regret that I have not seen more hands of American men; men high in the financial and political world. Then I could speak with greater clearness and certainty.

But this I can say—with the fear that you will see it in the very near future—that America is to be sorely tried during 1914. Not only will you have atmospheric calamities and financial crises, but you will be deceived by finding your big men have fallen short of what was expected of them, and incapable of setting things to rights.

Your destiny is somber, tragic. The United States must not go to sleep and dream her dreams of gold.

Gold does not suffice a great people.

Years when Saturn and Mars dominate the heavens are severe for new countries like yours.

Can these catastrophes be obviated? Yes and no. No, in so far as the atmospheric troubles are concerned: The earth, in Europe, but especially in America, is in evolution.

Yes! For the financial and political